

BIRTHS

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EWARD BOUND :— Orestes, 18th Sept. ; Barneo, Glamorga
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Mails.
P. & O. S. S. *Rhedee*, w.
ENGLISH MAIL of the 18th Sep
Singapore on Sunday. the 11th

at 4 p.m., and may be expected
on or about Saturday, the
Oct. The Packet brings re-
letters despatched from Hong
August 13th.

the AMERICAN MAIL of 21st
left Yokohama on Monday, the
Oct., at daylight, and may be
here on or about Monday, the
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Inp. German s. s. Preussen,

the German mails, with date
Berlin of the 21st Sept., 1894.
fourth on Friday, the 9th Oct.
may be expected here on or
Tuesday, Oct. 20.

left San Francisco for this
Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe
Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 8th

the *Empress of India* left Vancouver on the 13th Oct.

Steamers Expected.
The C. N. Co.'s s. s. *Chingtu*, from
Austrian ports, left Port Darwin
on Oct. 7th, and may be
here on or about the 16th Oct.

the P. & O. Company's s.s. *J...*
Singapore for this port on
at 6 a.m.

the O.S.S. Co.'s steamer *U...*
Liverpool, left Singapore on
12th Oct. and is due

The C. M. Co.'s steamer *Hy-*
Glasgow and Liverpool, pa-
Canal on the 25th Sept., and
considered due at Singapore
about the 15th Oct.

The N. G. I. steamer *Letimbro* bay on the 8th October and expected here on or about October.

The N. P. s. *Braemar* left Ta

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demnity, amounting to 5,000,
with interest, falls due on Novem

THE Emperor of Japan has issued a decree opening, from 1st November, to Japanese-owned vessels, six new ports for the purposes of foreign export and import.

THE *Siam Free Press* of the states:—The *Keungwai* has gone which port appears to be doing an export business with the Philippines.

THE mortality returns at Singapore for the week ended Oct. 3 show the rate at 49.46 per mille; 26 deaths from cholera, and 56 from fever.

The Spanish transport *Ant* arrived at Singapore on the 8th a further batch of troops for pines, 1,204 soldiers and 27 of left for Manila the same day.

THE *Nagasaki Express* learns from local agencies of the Pacific Mercantile and Oriental Steamship companies are shortly to be transferred

Nippon Yusen Kaisha to Messrs. Ringer & Co. This, it may be, is the result of the N. Y. K. opposition in the trans-Pacific traffic.

A CHINESE fireman of the British Antarctic expedition was charged at the McMurdo day with wounding two other men on board. One man was cut above the eye with some instrument and the other

was so seriously injured that he was confined to hospital. The case was closed for a week.

Messrs. Batdinell and Co. write:

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within 100 miles from this ar-
eas and along the river bank
where are said to be an every
make the total yield a fair

Meantime, beans come in even
are not expected in quantities
20th inst. Prices are high and
except for Japan to fill contracts
for date are 50¢ steam and

273 steam and 36 sail in 1894
port—Sallberg, Ohnising, Peiy,
Sumiyoshi Maru, Pakhai, C
Bygia, and Galveston.

At the Magistracy to-day, Mander Hastings, a Chinaman, was charged with stealing a small clock from a shop occupied by Mr Carmichael. The chief magistrate

room shortly after fifteen and
clock. When coming out he
by one of Mr Carmichael's
in reply to the words as to the

ing in the room, she uttered
and ran off. The cook had
caught the thief, and was
giving him a thrashing when he
pulled from below his jacket.

ed over to the Police
sent the prisoner to his work

The Willard Opera Company has been playing 'Gentleman Joe' and 'The Gondoliers' at Singapore.

The master of the P. and O. steamer *Albatross*, which arrived from the north this afternoon, reports having spoken the sailing vessel *West York*, of Liverpool, at 6.30 a.m. The *West York* had evidently been in the recent typhoon, as she is dismantled. She was lying at anchor, Turnabout Light-house bearing N. 77 E., distant 14 miles.

It is reported from Tokio that, as a result of the reorganisation of the Budget, the subsidy for steamship services to Formosa has been struck out, so that the service will be continued by the steamers chartered by the Army Department. If this is correct it will have an important bearing on the future trade of Formosa.

Mr D. Kennedy, Causeway Bay, prosecuted two Chinese milkmen at the Magistrate's today, for being in possession of his milk bottles. The first prisoner was arrested yesterday morning. He was discharged. Another milkman on whose premises another bottle was found was bound over in the sum of \$30 to be of good behaviour for six months.

On the 13th inst., a firm of Chinese 'coincers' was arrested at Singapore by Inspector Bugden. One man was caught in the act of coining. He was only twenty years of age, and had arrived from China six months ago. The Inspector seized a large quantity of coining apparatus, including crucibles, moulds, tin, acids, &c. The moulds were sent to the making of fifty cent. and ten cent. pieces, and one unfinished ten-cent piece was found. Inspector Bugden also seized about twenty yards of galvanised iron wire netting, which appears to have been used in this coining.

We regret to see that another old land-mark has passed away by the death of Captain Jas. Stewart, commander of the Chinese Revenue cruiser *Kaipan*. Captain Stewart had not been in the best of health for some time back, but his vessel left the harbour yesterday, and he died of heart disease as the anchor was being dropped in Mers Bay. The body was at once brought into Hongkong, and the funeral took place in the afternoon. Deceased was one of the officers employed by the Viceroy of Canton in the sixties, so that he had been some thirty years in the service. After nearly twenty years' service with the Viceroy, Captain Stewart joined the Customs Service in 1888, and died in command of his vessel. He had passed his sixtieth year, and his death will leave many pleasant memories of the past, while it will furnish a subject for regret to many old residents in South China who were his friends.

A very pleasant ceremony took place at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, (says the *Shanghai Daily Press* of the 5th October), when Miss Mary Louisa Mitchell, daughter of Mr. Thomas Mitchell, the popular secretary of the Marine Officers' Association, was united by the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Charles William Aitken, the eldest son of Mr. A. Aitken, of Hongkong. Miss Margaret Rosenzweig and Miss E. H. Mitchell acted as bridesmaids, while Mr. Aitken, the brother of the bridegroom, was best man. A large number of friends were present, and after the usual rites had been performed, the party repaired to Mr. Mitchell's residence, at the Marine Officers' Association, where a reception was given on a very large scale. The house and the flagstaff of the Officers' Association was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting, and the presents given to the bride were numerous and costly, amongst others being a handsome purse containing a cheque by the members of the Association. The toast of health and happiness to the newly-married couple having been drunk with great enthusiasm, the happy pair departed for their honeymoon amidst ringing cheers and the customary showers of rice and old slippers.

The *Peeking-Strathclyde* Admiralty suit was concluded before Sir N. J. Lush at Shanghai on the 10th inst. Messrs Butterfield and Swire, agents for the China Navigation Co., claimed Tls. 20,000 for salvage services rendered by the *Peeking* on the 24th, 25th and 26th July, the *Peeking* towing the *Strathclyde* 167 miles to Woomers. The owners of the *Strathclyde* tendered Tls. 19,000. After evidence in detail and long arguments, Mr. W. A. C. Platt, agent for the plaintiffs, stated, in reply to His Lordship, that he had his claim at ten per cent. upon value of ship saved. His Lordship, in giving his decision, said: "I do not think it would be any use my taking time to consider the case further. I think the offer made by the other side is as much as should have been expected, and I think it is about right." Whether it should be a little more or a little less I do not think it is worth my while or anybody else's to inquire. I think that Tls. 19,000 is a proper amount. It has been paid in aid and it has not been accepted. It must go as amount to be awarded to the plaintiffs, and as they have not accepted it they will have to pay costs. Judgment accordingly. Damage to the extent of \$1000 was done to the *Peeking* by rendering salvage services.

In consequence of orders duplicated, we offer a number of *Pianos at Cost Price*, \$290.—W. Robinson & Co.

The Governor of the Straits Settlements (High Commissioner to Borneo) after all, sailed from Singapore to Sandakan and Labuan in H.M.S. *Porpoise*.

The Spanish steamer *Isa de Mindanao* arrived at Singapore on the 6th inst. from Manila on her way to Spain. She carried a number of rebel prisoners.

Capt. N. W. H. du Boulay, R.A., well-known in Hongkong, has been selected to succeed Major C. E. Caldwell as brigadier-major, Royal Artillery, Devonport.

It is worthy of notice, in view of the probable selection of Mr. Asquith as leader of the Liberal party, that this gentleman was the host to Mr. A. J. Balfour (Leader of the Conservative party in the House of Commons) at St. Andrews about a month ago.

Major F. W. Bennett, R.E., recently in Hongkong, has obtained his lieutenant-colonelcy; he already announced that Capt. Dumbarton has been promoted major. Major A. E. Wrotlesley, R.E., who has taken such an interest in the Hongkong Rifle Association, is ordered home. Lieut. H. W. Kdsall, R.E., is also ordered home, and will be replaced by Lieut. C. F. Randall, at present stationed at Cork Harbour.

Mr. J. G. Macgregor made a bowling record at the Tanglein Club, Singapore, on the 6th inst. His score was:—

No. 2 Alley... 265

" 1 " " " 267

" 3 " " " 191

" 4 " " " 169

Total... 912

The previous record was 818, also made by Mr. Macgregor.

SINGAPORE papers to hand contain the Manager's monthly report on Raub. It is, as usual, full of technicalities, but we gather from it that prospects are favourable. The rough cleanup on the 28th Sept. showed 1040 tons of ore crushed yielding 2972 ozs. of amalgam. Mr. Bibby is pleased to report that all fear of having to stop crushing for want of water is now at an end as there is a fair supply in the dam.

The Bombay authorities are inclined to disbelieve that bubonic plague is epidemic in Bombay. It is only a peculiar type of apparently malarial fever complicated by tubercle symptoms. "We are sorry for Bombay, but the description of the cases that have occurred there give reasonable ground for believing that the disease is very similar to that which devastated Hongkong in 1894. We hope the Bombay authorities will be more successful in rooting it out.

A local print (says the *Singapore Free Press*) asserts, from the plenitude of its ignorance, that "the S.V.A. would be glad to get rid of its khaki." Somebody on its staff is "a huss." The whole British army in the East is to get out of white and into khaki. Our readers may have noticed the change in the Hongkong garrison. The khaki may be more serviceable, but it does not look so neat as the old white uniform. The Hongkong Volunteers are pleased with their khaki uniforms.

The Hall of Mysteries, Duddell Street, is still largely patronised and with the reduction in prices notified in our advertising columns the entertainment will gain all the more popularity. The entertainment is of a high-class character. The hall has been handsomely fitted up, and every arrangement has been made for the comfort of the audience. An absurd rumour has been circulated amongst the Chinese that no performance is given, and Mr. Cameron, the Manager, is taking steps to stop the circulation of such damaging reports.

It would appear that Saigon with its restrictions on foreign traders is becoming as bad as Manila. The *Singapore Free Press* publishes the following extract of a letter from H.B. M's Consul at Saigon which may be of interest to shipmasters and others. "Severe fines for trivial errors. The case of the s.s. *Borneo* was an especially hard one, the ship having been fined \$400 for the presence of a dozen pieces of cloth undeclared. Everything on board, cargo, stores and private goods not in actual use must be declared in separate lists."

The General Manager of the E. E. A. and O. Tel. Co., courteously informed the *Singapore Free Press* on the 7th inst. that from service telegrams he learnt that there had been a violent gale throughout the West of England, causing considerable damage to telegraph lines, &c.

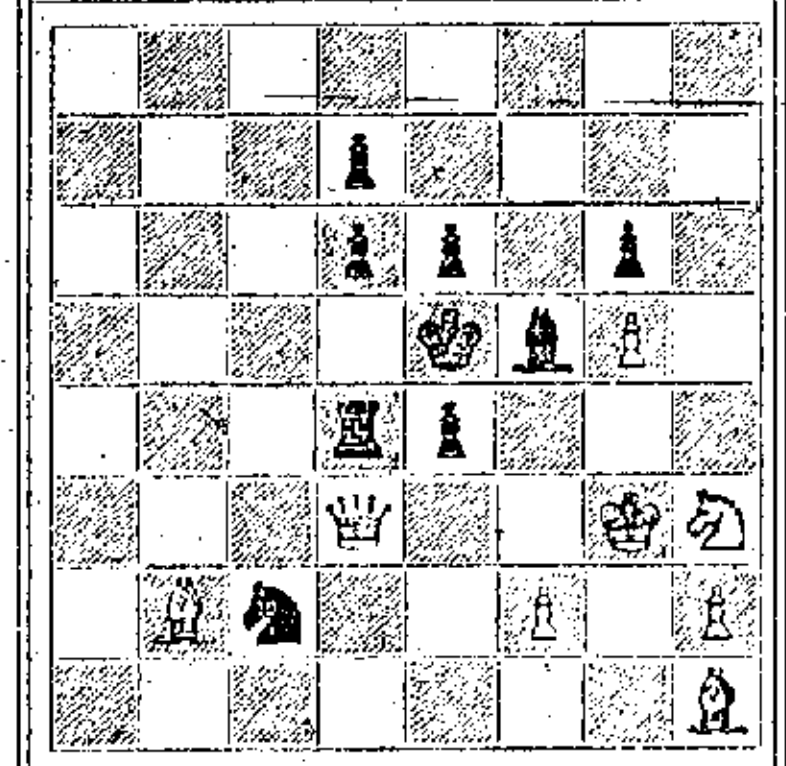
BOMBAY is to have a history of its local self-government, on which Mr. Barrow, the retiring municipal secretary, is said to have been engaged for some years past. It is to be published in four volumes: of 500 pages each, and the cost is roughly estimated at about Rs. 40. The Corporation has resolved to subscribe for 550 copies of the history.

CHESSE COLUMN.

CONDUCTED BY 'BLACK BISHOP.'

Communications should be addressed, 'Chess Column,' China Mail Office. Original Problems should be accompanied by Solution and Analysis. The *Alloying Chess Club* meets every Thursday from four till eleven p.m. at Thomas's Grill Room.

Problem No. 13. By C. SCHUCHTER. Black (3 pieces).



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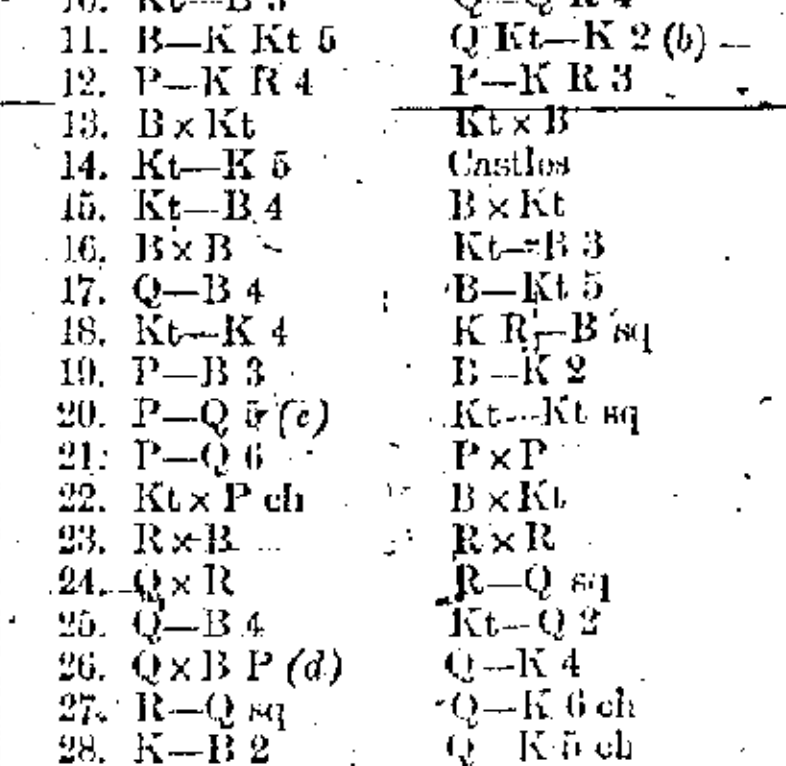
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IV.—Do not pin the adverse K-Rt by B-Kt 5 before your adversary has castled.

Game No. 30.

White (Tschigorin) Black (Winawer).
1. P-K 4. P-K 4.
2. Q-Kt-B 3. Q-Kt-B 3.
3. P-B 4. P-B 4.
4. K-B 3. K-K 2 (g).
5. P-Q 4. P-Q 4.
6. B-K 2. B-K 2.
7. Kt-K 3. Kt-K 3.
8. Q-Q 2. B-K 3.
9. Castles. Q-Q 4.
10. Kt-B 3. Q-K 4.
11. R-Kt 6. P-K 2 (g).
12. P-K 4. P-K 3.
13. B-Kt 3. B-Kt 3.
14. Kt-K 5. Castles.
15. B-K 4. B-K 4.
16. B-K 3. B-K 3.
17. Q-B 4. B-K 5.
18. Kt-K 4. Kt-K 4.
19. P-B 3. Kt-K 4.
20. P-Q 5 (e). Kt-K 4.
21. P-Q 6. P-K 3.
22. Kt-P ch. B-K 4.
23. R-K 2. R-K 2.
24. Q-R 4. Q-R 4.
25. Q-B 4. Kt-K 4.
26. Q-K 3 (d). Q-K 4.
27. R-Q 4. Q-K 4.
28. K-B 2. Q-K 4.
29. R-K 2. Q-K 4.
30. R-K 2. Q-K 4.
31. R-K 2. Q-K 4.
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THE VOLUNTEER CAMP AT STONKOUTTEES.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

Thursday, Oct. 15.

Last night an impromptu concert was held on the small parade ground in front of the Sergeants' Mess. The concert was arranged by Sergeant-Major Duncan. There were a number of lady and gentleman guests present. The Officer Commanding the Field Battery presided. The concert was conducted on free and easy rules, and quite an array of hidden talent was revealed. Sergeant Wyllie secured with his singing of 'The March to Tynan,' the audience lustily taking up the chorus.

Guard duty taken by the Drill Detachment. The weather looked threatening, but cleared up as the night advanced. The busy garrison of the camp frequently turned out to the right-about while taking their evening stroll in the darkness. Towards daylight challenges were frequent. The cook-house by however has no fear of the sentry, and indeed when the morning gives the guard reply 'Coffee, Sir' in answer to the challenge, all visions of 'the night-haven' disappear and the sentry has his refreshment.

Reveries were blown at 5.30 sharp, and the troops were called to the drill with evident satisfaction at being caught the whole camp napping. Very large turn-out on parade at 6.30. The Field Battery had a long hard hour at fire discipline, the Commandant and Adjutant being present. Maxims at gun drill. In answer to the call on shore range, under Lieutenant Macchell.

The departure by the 8.30 launch had again to transfer to another launch en route. The steamer was unfortunately chuffed for laziness.

No more sickness, but another immense centipede was duly bottled.

BRITISH AND RUSSIAN SHIPS IN THE EAST.

Nagasaki, Oct. 7.

The news that the British Admiralty has decided to send out the cruiser *Terrible* will probably cause little surprise. That *Terrible* has been awake to the necessity of increasing the fighting strength of her fleet in Far Eastern waters has been for some time an open secret. With the *Renown*, *Terrible*, *Amiral*, *Ipheigenia*, *Albatross*, *Phoebe*, *Hatfield* and *London*, in addition to the more effective vessels at present upon the station, the British fleet in the Far East will be able to hold its own with that of almost any possible combination of Powers. Russia has, it is true, a number of vessels now or shortly coming out, but with the exception of the *Narvik* and *Marine* and *Marine* they are not of a very effective type. But in estimating Russia's strength we must not omit the splendid vessels of the Volunteer Fleet. At present there are thirteen of these, steaming from 16 to 20 knots, of large tonnage and coal carrying capacity, and with duplicate armaments lying at both Vladivostok and Odessa. Each has naval officers and a naval crew, averaging 100 men per vessel. The following is the list:—

Ship. Tonnage. Rts. Tonnage. Rts.
Sardinia 8,539 3,000 10,000 3,000
Polignola 7,724 2,700 9,999 2,700
Klerson 10,225 3,000 12,500 3,000
Kustovna 7,775 2,846 2,600 2,600
Yaroslavl 8,435 2,785 2,500 2,500
Tenden 8,435 2,785 2,500 2,500
S. Novgorod 7,771 2,812 1,625 1,625
Wladimir 10,500 4,000 3,200 3,200
Voronej 10,000 3,325 3,300 3,300
Kiev 10,000 3,325 3,300 3,300
Ekaterinopol 10,000 3,325 3,300 3,300
Hebronsk 2,500 1,800 1,800 1,800

The admirals are also in course of construction in Great Britain at present. The large horse-power of the *Sardinia*, *Polignola*, and *Klerson* together with the coal capacity and high speed, would make them more than merely valuable auxiliaries in war time, while the older vessels, without doubt, make excellent gunboats amongst an enemy's merchant shipping.

The exact details of their armament we do not know, but from all accounts it must be almost equal to our cruisers of the *Klerson* class, while from a reliable source we understand that the entire armament can be fitted into the vessels, and extra men, stores, ammunition and coal taken aboard within 48 hours of the arrival of any one of the ships at either of the terminal ports. These facts are doubtless of great importance to the British Admiralty, and the forthcoming strengthening of the fleet in these waters may be considered as an indication that they will 'take no chances' in the matter. It is now an open secret that the Trans-Siberian Railway cannot possibly be completed for at least five years, and that Russia has from 50,000 to 80,000 men about Vladivostok and the Amur, and can, by means of her Volunteer Fleet, continue to pour them in there in enormous numbers should necessity arise. What her ultimate aims are in this direction is, of course, as much of a mystery as ever, but that some important move is not far distant appears to be certain, and it is not improbable that that move will occur not long after the return of his Majesty the Czar from his round of visits among the Powers. And in the event of any serious trouble breaking out, times in the Far East will be stirring ones indeed.—*Express*.

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The cholera is still raging in Ningbo and with terrible effect. There were about 40 deaths in one day in the Tung Chin Yuen in Canton Mills alone, while many more deaths are reported amongst the natives. The Tung Chin Yuen has suspended working owing to this outbreak.—*Mercury*.

Tan P. and O. s.s. *Brindley* on arrival at Singapore from Bombay was flying the Police flag. On the vessel being boarded it was found that two native firemen had refused duty since leaving Bombay, the men having given into custody. It appears that they had received the usual monthly gratuity on leaving Bombay, the gratuity probably being to desert the ship on reaching Singapore. They were charged before Capt. Baldero, and sentenced to twelve weeks' imprisonment each.

Unworn with 'From Far Formosa' a third edition, Messrs Oliphant, Anderson, & Fernie publish immediately a new book on China. The title is 'A Cycle of Cathay or China, South and North, with Personal Reminiscences.' The author is the Rev. W. A. P. Martin, D.D., LL.D., who was for two years connected with the American Embassy to China, and for a quarter of a century resident of the Kingdom of Cathay. The book is a most interesting and valuable work, and is highly recommended.

THE BLACKBURN TRADE MISSION.

Among the numerous arrivals at Shanghai by the *Empress of China* on Saturday were Messrs F. S. A. Bourne, H. M. Consul, specially deputed by the Foreign Office as head of the Trade Commission to China, and Messrs Henry Neville and Harry Bell, cotton experts, of Blackburn, forming the Mission. A representative of the Shanghai Daily Press found Messrs Bourne and Bell in the Hotel des Colonies, and from them gathered the following details of their mission. While the main outline of the mission is well known, it is not known, as expressed in a statement by Mr Bourne, will well bear repetition here.

It is that a general opinion is held at present by the leaders of the enormous cotton interests in England, centred chiefly in Lancashire, that the time has now arrived when it is necessary for the manufacturers to change their policy. Instead of making goods suitable for the European markets and disposing of the balance in the Asiatic markets, they must now strive to turn out goods specially suited for the Asiatic buyers. It is thought that a great part of the success of the Japanese, and even some of the continental manufacturers, is due to doing this. But in order to cater to special markets the requirements must be studied on the spot, and this is the purpose aimed at by this Mission. Messrs Neville and Bell are experts in the cotton trade, and are to devote themselves specially to the study of the requirements of the inland markets of the places visited, at the same time noting carefully how the various classes of goods are offered to the consumers. They will be the technical part of the inquiry. Mr Bourne, who is a member of H.M. Consular Service in China, gazetted Consul on entering upon his duties in connection with the cotton trade, and has a thorough knowledge of Chinese, will, in addition to directing the affairs of the party, study the means of communication in the districts traversed, and so far as is found practicable, the inland taxation.

As to the intended movements of the Mission Mr Bourne stated that, except as to the general outline this would be decided while en route. After concluding a few details in the arrangements here, the members will proceed up the Yangtze River, making tours where needed, to Chungking and Chong. After completing their studies in the region surrounding these centres, the journey will be continued over the high country between the Yangtze or 'River of Golden Sands,' as it is called there, and the upper reaches of the West or 'Canton' River.

A RECENT FIRE AT SINGAPORE.

ACTION AGAINST THE SOUTH BRITISH COMPANY.

On the 7th inst., in the Supreme Court, Singapore, before the Chief Justice, A. T. Kinnear, a Bombay trader, whose premises No. 13, Raffles Place, were burned down last March, sued the South British and Marine Insurance Company, Limited, New Zealand, to recover the sum of \$3,495 the amount due on a policy of \$4,000 effected with the defendant Company on the 20th January, 1896.

Mr. Joazeff appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. W. J. Nagel for the defence. The following was the statement of claim:—1. On the 30th of January 1896, the plaintiff effected with the defendant company a policy of insurance against fire on goods and merchandise in his store house No. 13, Raffles Place, Singapore, for the sum of \$4,000. (2) On the 10th of March, 1896, the said goods and merchandise were wholly destroyed by fire. (3) The plaintiff immediately after the said fire gave notice to the defendants, and within fifteen days delivered to them a detailed account of the loss he had suffered, showing damages to the extent of \$3,495, and the plaintiff verified such account by a statutory declaration. The plaintiff has frequently requested payment of the said amount of \$3,495, but the defendants refused and still refuse to pay the same. The statement of defence set forth that the action was not maintainable as the plaintiff under the name of Abdul Haseen Ezzah was an undischarged bankrupt debtor in Bombay. The Company denied that the plaintiff had suffered loss to the value of \$3,495. The value of the goods in the plaintiff's house at the time of the fire was very small. The defendants contended that there had been an overcharge on the part of the plaintiff, and that, accordingly, no monies were recoverable upon the policy. Mr. Joazeff announced that the main point of the defence relating to the plaintiff's bankruptcy had been withdrawn. The issue was now upon the overcharge. Mr. Joazeff then opened the case for the plaintiff, and proceeded to call evidence.—*Straits Times*.

Messrs Thomson, of Clydebank, have sent in a tender for a bulkhead of 14,000 tons of the *Mogier* type for the Japanese Government. Although only one tender is tendered for, three are wanted. Four English firms are also tendering.

A scheme, for teaching railway engineering, to be established at Tientsin, and for its maintenance the Peking authorities have thought it would be a good idea to raise 200,000 pounds per cent. on the present rate of freight on coal and 2 per cent. on general cargo.—*Mercury*.

According to the *Asahi* the contracts for these battleships and cruisers that are to be constructed in foreign countries will be given out during next month as all the necessary changes in the original plans have been finally decided upon in the Naval Department. It is expected that the orders for the vessels to be built in France will be given out about the first of next month.

L'Orient, the Franco-Turkish organ, gives its own version of recent affairs in Zanibar. This is how it characteristically describes the British action.—'The English have just been proceeding in Zanibar as they refused to recognise his successor, Said Khalid; and in order to support their candidate, Said Ben Hamid, they bombarded Zanibar. Since they are lost in the country six Sultans have been poisoned; when there are no more left they will annex it. The Sultan of Zanibar is of little consequence to us; but when shall we be able to meet England head on? Then, but for the fact that the fantasies of the French journals are the lowest type.'

We regret to state (says the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 10th inst.) that one of the stokers belonging to H. M. S. *Spartan* lost his life by falling overboard from the passenger steamer *Norman* this morning. It appears that a number of men had been on leave and were returning to their ship at Woomers in the

THE CHINA MAIL.

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Bank of China & Japan, Limited	30,000	5 1/2	all	nom.
Bank of Communications, Ltd.	100,000	8 1/2	all	2 1/2 nom.
Commercial Union Bank, Ltd.	1,200	1 1/2	all	1 1/2 buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	100,000	10 1/2	all	8 1/2 buyers
INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	all	\$190, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83.33	all	\$76, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	100	all	25 1/2, 102, sellers
Strait Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	10 1/2	all	\$27 1/2, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	250	all	\$235, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	100	all	\$165
STEAMSHIP.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	all	\$27, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	200	all	\$34 1/2, sales
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Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	15	all	\$38 1/2, sellers
H.K. & M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	10	all	\$42, buyers
Indo-China S. S. Company, Limited	60,000	10 1/2	all	\$3, sellers
China Mutual S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	10 1/2	all	\$27, sellers
DO. (new issue)	20,000	10 1/2	all	\$22 1/2, sellers
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Luchoo Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	100	all	\$56
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Heilong Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	40,000	5	all	\$2.90, sellers
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China Mutual S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	10 1/2	all	\$27, sellers
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Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	60	all	\$23 1/2
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	80,000	10	all	\$12.85, sellers
Dakin, Cruikshank & Co., Ltd.	50,000	5	all	\$1, buyers
LIGHTING.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	10	all	\$110, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	10 1/2	all	\$6 1/2, sales and buyers
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Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	20,000	10	all	\$17 1/2, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	3,000	1 1/2	all	nom.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,000	10	all	\$5
Geo. Peacock & Co., Limited	6,000	25	all	\$29 1/2, sellers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	600	50	all	\$30
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	7 1/2	all	\$55, nom.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	25	all	\$107, buyers
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Elkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	all	\$100, 100, 80, buyers
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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked S., in conjunction with the figures denoting the section.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
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 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
 5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
 9. From East Point to North Point.
 10. From North Point to Kowloon Wharves.
 11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Country.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Des nation.	Remarks.
Steamers.							
Activ	Brit.	Dan. str.	319	June 10	A. R. Marry	Victoria, B.C.	K'loon Dock to-morrow
Altmore	Brit.	str.	326	Oct. 14	Butterfield & Swire	Amoy & Shanghai	17th inst.
Antenor	Brit.	str.	1680	Sept. 18	Butterfield & Swire		
Arake Maru	Japan.	str.	1885	Oct. 10	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Asatou	Brit.	str.	1827	Oct. 11	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Benvenich	Brit.	str.	2164	Oct. 12	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Brindisi	Brit.	str.	2905	Oct. 14	C. & S. N. Co.		
Britannic	Brit.	str.	1807	Sept. 4	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Brunhilde	Norw.	str.	880	Oct. 13	Larling Bushman & Merzoll		
Catharine Agar	Brit.	str.	1734	Oct. 9	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Singapore, &c.	17th inst.
Ceres	Brit.	str.	2882	Oct. 12	Siemens & Co.	Yokohama	10-morrow
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Congo	Brit.	str.	2340	Sept. 14	Butterfield & Swire		
Dardanus	Brit.	str.	3003	Oct. 6	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver, B.C.	28th inst.
Dordrecht	Brit.	str.	901	Oct. 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		to-morrow
Gallic	Brit.	str.	2630	Sept. 4	O. & O. S. S. Co.		Coastal Dock
Halooong	Brit.	str.	748	Oct. 14	Douglas Steamship Co.	Haiphong	
Hanoi	Brit.	str.	732	Oct. 14	A. R. Marry		
Hohenzollern	Brit.	str.	2039	Sept. 15	Melchers & Co.		K'loon Dock
Holborn	Brit.	str.	900	Oct. 16	Butterfield & Swire		
Holstein	Brit.	str.	985	Oct. 9	Jebsen & Co.		K'loon Dock
Loyal	Brit.	str.	1203	Oct. 8	Wieler & Co.		
Lysebrook	Brit.	str.	1233	Oct. 16	Siemens & Co.		to-day
Mike Maru	Japan.	str.	1601	Oct. 12	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	Kobe	at-deen Dock
Olympia	Brit.	str.	1221	Sept. 24	Dodwell, Carill & Co.		
Orion	Brit.	str.	1011	Oct. 14	Yuen Fat Hong		
Para Chong Kiao	Brit.	str.	1011	Oct. 14	Yuen Fat Hong		
Sabine Rickmers	Brit.	str.	688	Sept. 9	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Sarotow	Brit.	str.	3408	Oct. 14	Order		
Sendal Maru	Brit.	str.	1644	Oct. 14	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Shafesbury	Brit.	str.	1215	Oct. 14	Order		
Shanghai	Brit.	str.	1488	Oct. 8	Butterfield & Swire	Singapore	to-day
Strathallan	Brit.	str.	994	Oct. 11	Butterfield & Swire		K'loon Dock
Sungking	Brit.	str.	531	Oct. 4	Siemens & Co.	Manila	16th inst.
Swatow	Brit.	str.	531	Oct. 4	Siemens & Co.	Manila	16th inst.
Thales	Brit.	str.	1015	Oct. 10	Lauts, Wegener & Co.	Swatow, &c.	to-morrow
Wootan	Brit.	str.	1015	Oct. 10	Lauts, Wegener & Co.		Coastal Dock
Yamashiro Maru	Japan.	str.	1667	Oct. 13	Nippon Yusen Kaisha		
Sailing Vessels.							
Belle of Bath	Amer.	sh.	1047	Sept. 2	Captain		
Casablanca	Brit.	bge.	688	Aug. 3	Siemens & Co.		
Clae Macfarlane	Brit.	sh.	1440	Sept. 15	Yuen Fat Hong		
Freiburg	Brit.	bge.	1406	Sept. 18	Melchers & Co.		
John Dwyer	Amer.	sch.	450	May 30	Order		
L. Schopp	Amer.	sh.	1672	Sept. 29	Reuter, Bruckman & Co.		
Lothair	Brit.	bge.	795	July 31	D. Musco & Co.		
Orient	Brit.	bge.	481	Aug. 1	W. & A. R. Marry		
Paramita	Amer.	sch.	1499	July 1	Standard Oil Co.		
Reuter	Amer.	sch.	75	April 3	Captain		
Sachon	Amer.	sh.	1311	June 12	Order		
S. D. Carleton	Amer.	sh.	1788	Aug. 20	Standard Oil Co.		
Siam	Brit.	bge.	1691	Sept. 8	Standard Oil Co.		
St. Mark	Amer.	sh.	1830	Aug. 15	Chinese		
Velocity	Amer.	sh.	627	Aug. 15	Chinese		
Wm. H. Smith	Amer.	sh.	1423	Sept. 21	Siemens & Co.		
W. H. Conner	Amer.	sh.	1908	Aug. 21	Standard Oil Co.		
W. J. Rutch	Amer.	sh.	1664	Sept. 21	Master		

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Reg.	Tons.	Guns.	I. H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Solus	twin-screw cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	7000	Captain Robert L. Groome	Yokohama
Alacety	despatch vessel	1799	12	3180	Commander F. G. De Lisle	Nagasaki
Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	16	2300	Comd. O. K. Kingmill	Shanghai
Centurion*	twin-screw battle ship	10,500	41	13,000	Captain Spencer H. Login	Nagasaki
Daphne	g-b.	1440	16	1400	Commander MacArthur	Nagasaki
Esk	3rd class coast defense	363	9	540	Lt.-Com. H. P. Barton	Yokohama
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	436	6	540	Lt.-Com. Vernon Mand	Nagasaki
Grafton	twin-screw cruiser, 1st class	7,350	26	10,000	Captain E. F. Jones	Yokohama
Hammer	storeship	60	—	80	Commander F. W. Wyley	Hongkong
Immortalité	armoured cruiser	5600	34	8500	Captain Edward Culchrest	Nagasaki
Lunnet	gun-vessel 2nd class	755	8	1000	Commander R. O. Sparks	Port Lerseroff
Narcissus	armoured cruiser	6100	34	8600	Commander McAlpine	Hongkong
Peachcock	gunboat 1st class	755	10	1200	Lt.-Com. H. J. D. Laxton	Chamulpo
Penguin	gunboat 1st class	755	10	1200	Lt.-Com. H. J. D. Laxton	Manila
Pique	cruiser	3930	21	7000	Capt. Henry O. Biggs	Hongkong
Plover	gunboat 1st class	755	10	1200	Lt.-Com. V. Y. de Horsey	Muroran
Porpoise	cruiser 3rd class	1770	16	2300	Commander F. R. Pelly	Singapore
Rainbow	cruiser	3600	21	7000	Captain Wm. C. O. Forsyth	Singapore
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	806	10	1200	Lt.-Com. Alfred Cobworth	Hongkong
Redpoll	gunboat 1st class	3600	21	7000	Lt.-Com. H. H. Grafton	Hongkong
Spargan	twin-screw cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	7000	Captain Alfred L. Wallace	Wangpoo
Swift	gun-vessel 2nd class	755	8	1010	Lt.-Com. Toul	Nagasaki
Tamar	coast transport	2047	—	—	—	Hongkong
Tweed	g-in. 3rd class coast defense	363	9	540	—	Hongkong
Undanted	armoured cruiser	5610	34	8500	Captain John S. Hallifax	Yokohama
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	6151	14	—	Commodore Hays	Hongkong
Vivara	coast defense ship, armoured	2780	12	1450	—	Hongkong